

ALCEDO ATRICAPILLA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum trigonum, crassum, rectum, longum.

Lingua carnosa, brevissima, plana, acuta.

Pedes gressorii *plerisque*.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 178.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ALCEDO violaceo-cærulea, subtus alba, capite
cervice humeris remigibusque apice nigris,
collo inferiore et torque albo, abdomine rufo.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 251.

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Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 453.

Inter aves Sinenses pulcherrimas merito numeratur Alcedo atricapilla, magnitudine dimidiata in tabula expressa.



THE
BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill trigonal, thick, strait, long.

Tongue fleshy, very short, flat, sharp-pointed.

Feet, in most species, gressorial.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Violet-blue KINGFISHER, with white breast and collar, rufous abdomen, and black head shoulders and wing-tips.

BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER.

Lath. syn. 1. p. 624.

Martin-pêcheur de la Chine.

Pl. enl. 673.

The black-capped Kingfisher may justly be considered as one of the most beautiful of the Chinese birds. It is represented on the plate of half the natural size.